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If there were two of you,
which one would win?

-Douglas Coupland,
Microserfs

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WINTER WONDERLAND

RECUPERATING FROM THE FLU SINCE 1961

Free Gay Rights Seminar

The general public is invited to attend a free seminar on gay rights and issues. Gerry Heddema, lawyer and activist primarily in the area of human rights litigation will be speaking at Cambrian College on **January 15, 1997 from 5pm to 9pm** in room 1414.

Gerry Heddema is a founding member of the Queen's Law Lesbian and Gay Association, the first openly lesbian and gay organization at law school. He has been, and continues to be active in the reform efforts at the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons to address homophobia and HIV - phobia in the context of access to services.

He is also co-author (with Toronto PWA Foundation and BC coalition of people with disabilities) of a National Accessibility Audit for AIDS advocacy and Service Groups.

Gerry is a consultant to the Canadian AIDS Society on a national advocacy issue. Vice-chair of the Ontario Ministry of Health, AIDS Bureau working group on HIV and Insurance issues/ concerns and organized two community forums on these areas.

For more information, please phone BLAG (Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay Association of Cambrian College) at 566-8101. **Please reserve no later than January 13, 1997 by 3pm.**

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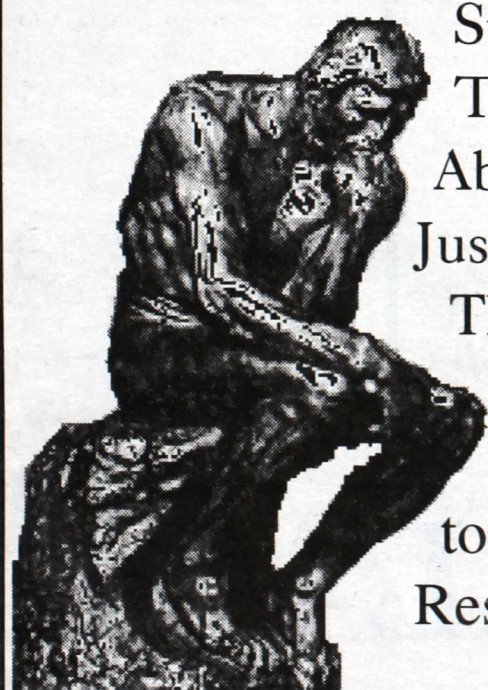
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L.U. Women's Centre Day Without Discrimination II Free Workshop

On **Friday January 31, 1997** the L.U. Women's Centre would like to invite you to attend a free NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) workshop. NCBI will present a unique "participatory and experiential training through which an innovative program dealing with issues of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, class and gender related prejudice will be presented. The main focus of this work is that all groups count and all groups must be part of ending discrimination."

All students, staff and faculty are invited to participate in this workshop. **However, we encourage you to pre-register because space is limited!** For further information and/or to pre-register, please contact Melanie Robitaille or Melanie Arcand at 675-1151 (1089).



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Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to all and we hope that your holiday season was a safe and enjoyable one. The second term is beginning and it always seems to be more hectic than the first. The '97 term will prove to be no different. January alone is full of various events going on all over campus. Some of these events include SGA Carny Week, SGA and AEF book buy - back, and the Spad Hockey Tournament. On top of all these events the University is going through a major restructuring process. Over the next few months the way in which Laurentian conducts itself will change. The push behind this drive is to make Laurentian more competitive for the future. There will be OPEN FORUMS to explain the PROPOSED changes and to allow for student input on those changes. We ask that students please attend the forums. If Laurentian is to change and be more competitive, it must listen to those concerned, the students. It is going to be a very interesting and exciting time for all people associated with

the universities right across the country, and students have a great opportunity to have their voice heard.

The SGA produced its own Professor Course Evaluation this year. We had hoped to receive a good response from the majority of Professors at Laurentian wishing to help provide students with more information when choosing courses. A letter was sent to all Professors who teach first and second year, first term courses, asking them to make enough copies and distribute the evaluations. These evaluations are similar to the ones used by the University. Our goal was to have these completed evaluations placed in an envelope provided by the SGA and returned to our office, by either dropping them off or placing them in the campus mail. It was our intentions to publish the results so students could take advantage of the information. These evaluations were not prepared to slander or defame any of the Professors at Laurentian, and we pledged in our letter the utmost professionalism and

integrity when publishing the results. The end result was disappointing, only twenty - eight (28) courses out of a possible two hundred and fifty - three (253) were returned. We hope that this is not an accurate reflection on the quality of Professors at Laurentian? As with any new initiative there were some problems along the way, but we will make the proper changes and try something a little different this term.

A copious amount of information will be made available to students in the next few weeks and students need to take advantage of it and become involved. How Laurentian looks in the future will have an impact on all of our degrees. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the SGA office at 673-6547 or drop by and see us. We are located on the second floor of the student centre, above the Great Hall.

Yours truly,
Mike Grube
SGA President

U of T's admin wants its M(oney) TV

by Meg Murphy and
David Alan Barry
The Varsity (CUP)

The U of T administration is looking into the possibility of installing television monitors around campus which would play continuous advertisements as a means of raising revenue of the university. According to Janice Oliver, vice president facilities and services, the administration is still in its early stages of exploring the possibility of placing the television monitors in places like cafeterias and building lobbies. They would be mounted from the ceiling, like is commonly done in airports.

She says the money raised by the venture, if it became reality, would help make up for revenue the university has lost through cuts in the government funding. "I think with all the budget cutbacks we are experiencing, we also have to look at other sources of revenue," said Oliver. She adds that along the bottom of the screens, a script would run that could be used in advertising on campus has been controversial topic at U of T for the past several months. Early last summer, the department of athletics

and recreation wanted to erect a electronic billboard with slots for corporate advertising on the side of the DAR building. The idea was nixed by Toronto City Council, which would not grant the university the necessary zoning by law changes.

And advertisements which were placed in washrooms around campus this September have come under fire from a variety of people, including the governing body at University College, a group of professors and staff at the Erindale College, and the Escher Appreciation Society, an underground association which covered over the ads with prints from the Dutch artist Escher. Oliver says there is a demand out there on the part of advertisers to reach the student market. Adding that U of T was actually approached by a company which had the idea of installing the television monitors. She would not, however, disclose the name of the company. "It certainly seems there are a lot of people interested in advertising in the student in a variety of ways," she said.

Alison Starkey, president of the Arts and Science Students Union, is very unhappy with the idea and says U of T can come up with better ways to raise revenue than sticking television monitors which play continuous advertisements in front of students. "I think it is pathetic that

the most innovative way U of T can come up with money is this most blatant money grab," she said.

Marco Santaguida, president of the Students' Administrative Council, says if the revenue from the monitors goes to enhance student life on campus, then it may be a good project. And he says since the university has dealt with its funding cutbacks through tuition increases and cuts of its own, the money raised from the monitors should be earmarked for a specific project, such as improvements the Athletic Centre or renovations to make the university more wheelchair accessible.

Santaguida adds that students can just ignore the monitors if they find them bothersome. "The good thing about it is you don't have to look at it. You don't have to look up," he said.

But Starkey says it would be unfortunate if students had to start "turning themselves off" to aspects of the university environment because of the monitors. "Instead of university being a place where students open up to new ideas and concepts, they are just going to wall themselves off," she said.

Oliver says to date, the central university administration has met with principles and deans twice on the issue.

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Getting The Job You Want

While some of your classmates may already know what they will study, it takes others a little longer to make that decision - and sometimes it should.

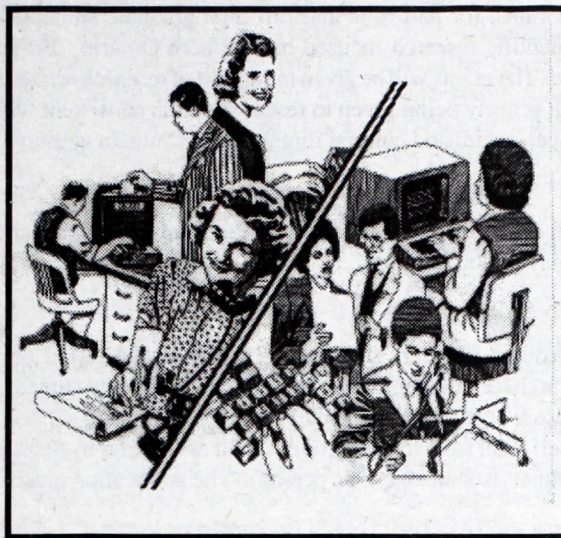
Declaring a major is more than filling in the blank space on your transcript with something other than "undecided". It's getting in touch with what your true interests are and exposing yourself to all the career possibilities that are out there.

Why look at careers first? Your major means to your career target. By exposing yourself to a wide variety of career options you may discover a fascinating career you may never have heard of. Once you have narrowed the field, you can determine how to hit your target.

Because career counselling services offer a variety of tests and interest inventories that can help develop a profile of your strengths and interests, it's a good place to start the search.

The comfort in taking the plunge is knowing that majors can be changed. Changing majors is reportedly quite common. There can be consequences in changing your major however. Time could be lost in terms of credits and hours. You may find yourself taking classes during the summer in order to graduate on time and some students end up staying on an extra year to get their degree.

The more information you can get your hands on about an occupation, the better prepared you will be to make informed decisions about your career planning. You can talk and visit people who are working in



clear concise and accurate resume is crucial. It is a written summary of your education, work experience, past achievements and interests which reflects your personality and presents your skills in a positive manner.

Ideally, it will stand out amongst others by being prepared in

a clear, easy-to-read format. Keep in mind that you will be asked in the interview about the details of your resume. For this reason, your resume must be truthful and accurate. Resumes vary to some extent for different types of jobs. You may require a different type of resume when applying to a job in a technical field that you would in an advertising field for instance.

Format

1) Chronological Resume
This resume is organized by date in reverse chronological order. It emphasises job duties and highlights a steady work history.

2) Functional Resume
This emphasises related skills and abilities.

3) Combination Resume
This focuses on jobs and skills. The advantage of the combination resume is that it clearly lists relevant skill areas and presents a fuller picture of your strengths.

A good resume is one that is:

1) targeted — towards the employer and the position for which you are applying.

2) focused — on your skills and abilities, and how you can help the employer meet his/her needs.

3) concise — includes only relevant information.

4) action oriented — uses action verbs to show the range of your skills.

5) eye catching — uses white space to make it more organised, easy to read and visually attractive.

Before you can prepare an effective resume, you must do some self-reflection. Each of us has a personal inventory of unique skills and abilities we have gained through school, jobs, volunteer work and leisure activities. Once you know what your skills and abilities are, you are in a better position to market your product which is YOU!!

Employers tend to look for employees who have a wide variety of interests and like to become involved. Having a variety of interests is an indicator that you know how to communicate effectively with a variety of people.

For more information on resume preparation, please go see Carolyn Kampf and Staff at the Counselling and Resource Centre located on the second floor of the Parker Building. They can provide you with examples of Resumes and someone to speak with about your goals.

fields that interest you in order to gather information. You'll have an opportunity to ask about the job and trends for the future.

By focusing on your interests, values, abilities and strengths, you will select a field of study that is suited to you. If you are having trouble deciding on what to do in the future and are thinking about changing programs, please come and visit us at the Counselling and Resource Centre on the second floor of the Parker Building. We provide career counselling for those who need to find some direction in their lives.

The Resume

Your resume is a valuable job search tool because it provides you with your first opportunity to "sell yourself" to an employer. A

Nike Charged with Human Rights Violations in Vietnam

by Ian Hodges
The Gleaner (CUP)

The multi billion dollar Nike Corporation has moved its key production plants again, this time to Vietnam. Nike closed its last American plant back in 1984 and moved its operations to such far east nations as Indonesia, Thailand and China. The move to Vietnam comes as the result of increasing labour costs in these other nations. Nike's Vietnamese workers, the majority of whom are women, make approximately 20 cents per hour (American currency), which adds up to approximately \$40 dollars a month. In addition, workers are subjected to forced quota levels and are not paid for any overtime it takes to meet their daily minimum production levels. A Nike representative has been quoted as saying, "You have to put the numbers in context. Over there, \$35-\$49 a month does not even meet the Indonesian government's

level of "Minimum physical need," let alone the standards of Vietnam which lags behind Indonesian in issues concerning workers rights. Besides the low wage, Nike workers in Vietnam have had to contend with various instances of physical and mental abuse. Reports have stated that workers have been beat about the head and neck with Nike shoes for minor mistakes in stitching. In one case, 45 female workers were forced to kneel with their hands in the air for 25 minutes. Another case involved the sexual assault of female workers by a Korean supervisor. Still other reports describe how workers had their mouths taped shut for hours at a time. Because Nike subcontracts out its production in Vietnam, directly linking these various human rights abuses to Nike personnel is difficult. Regardless, the corporation has come under serious criticism from both human rights groups and mainstream media.

At a recent general shareholders meeting of Nike Corporation, a number of questions were raised as to Nike's involvement in overseas sweatshops and human rights abuses.

The CEO of Nike attempted to discredit the accusations, saying that Nike's overseas operation would "Obviously" lead to charges of poor working conditions. A Nike press agent stated that the corporation was unaware of numerous cases of reported human rights violations. Even Nike's main celebrity spokesperson, basketball star Michael Jordan (who made \$20 million a year for endorsing Nike's products), has denied any responsibility in the matter, stating "It's not my problem."

The abandonment of moral principles in the pursuit of profit seems to be the key trend as Nike attempts to deflect its responsibility in this matter. Jordan, a role model for millions of impoverished black youth in the U.S., seems to be unable to take a stand for human rights. For those who buy Nike Products, only education, collective consumer action and the courage to combat western consumer apathy concerning international working conditions will improve the plight of Nike's Vietnamese laborers, and those workers in similar conditions world wide.

What's New in Senate

The University Senate approved a motion to create a two-faculty structure to replace the current four-faculty structure beginning in the academic year of 1997-1998.

The meeting took place on December 12th, 1996, before a large group of observers from the university and the community at large. The motion was the result of the ACAPLAN's "Reinventing the University" package released last November. Following wholesale criticism at the November senate meeting, the document was dropped and senators were asked to vote on two motions only: first, on the principle of a two-faculty structure, and second on reaffirming "the principle that the academic programs constitute the basis of the University..."

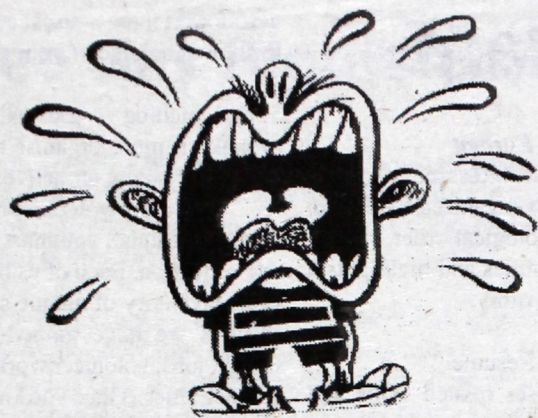
The debate surrounding the two-faculty motion was lengthy, and the Senate allowed input from observers, once the Senators had made their comments. Speaking for a social action coalition here at the University, Steve Levac charged that the timing of the motions served to "intentionally exclude" the student body, busy with exams and end-of-term work, from the decision-making process. Some Senators pointed out that restructuring is not the only way to save money, that simply moving around faculty members does not save any money, that restructuring was a move for power and not for savings, and finally that the two "super-faculties" will be unmanageable. The Pro-

fessional Schools hinted that three faculties - arts, science and pro schools - may have been a better solution. However, M. Tesson replied that two faculties was the consensus at ACAPLAN which had representation from all the affected communities within the University, and was of the opinion that three faculties would not "break down barriers", the ultimate purpose of restructuring.

Dr. Segsworth, in supporting the motion, stressed that it is not "business as usual" at the University, reminding Senators of the huge cuts to education in 1996, and the anticipated cuts of 1997 (which never materialized) under the provincial Tories. There was also the perception that if the Senate failed to reorganize itself, the Budget Committee would essentially do it for them, in meeting its own budget objectives. Dr. Paul, undramatically, also supported the motion and indicated that the concern over savings should be viewed from the other perspective, that is, "What would it cost to [maintain] the status quo?" He also indicated that there would be no lay-offs as a result of the two faculty format, which must have provided a measure of relief for LUAPSA and LUFA.

Despite the lengthy debate and the impression that the motion was doomed to fail, the secret ballot resulted in 31 votes in favour, with 22 against. There are sixty-three Senator positions though several remain vacant at this time.

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SPACE FOR RANT

Dear Lambda,

I write this to emphatically encourage the men and women of this community to let their politicians and social policy administrators know that they find it unacceptable to abandon women to the whims and outrages of their abusive partners or boyfriends after only a few hours of sanctuary and reprieve from abuse. I beg every reader of this letter to remember that any woman can be a victim (YOUR sister, YOUR daughter, YOUR best friend, YOUR neighbor, YOUR co - worker, YOUR employee).

Apparently the provincial government is exploring the option of offering restraining orders and "security" devices to women as the primary method to create protection and change. There are enormous problems with this plan. The first problem is that restraining orders are largely ineffective at keeping angry men away from the "bodies/objects" they feel they "possess". Even with the accomplishment of a restraining order and assuming a vigorously responsive police force, Women who live on the outskirts of the city and down old bush roads are not going to be attended to quickly enough should their perpetrators show up at the door.

As a therapist who specializes in working with women and who has heard hundreds of women share their pain, I assure you their needs are not immediately responded to. The worst case I can remember is of a woman who had an ex - boyfriend intermittently banging on her door and screaming obscenities (he would then return to his parked van and stare at her window for a time before pounding at the door again). My client told me that it took seven hours for the police to arrive — she lived in the Minnow Lake area.

Further, to imagine that abandoning abused women is a cost saving measure is not only cruel, it involves lying to the accountants. When women are abused, they lose time from work, they are attended to by expensive medical professionals, their children lose time from school, neighbors and relatives are implicated or victimized, property is damaged — the direct and indirect costs of abuse are grotesquely impressive. Further, abuse, once witnessed and not appropriately responded to, is a behavior that boys (who have witnessed their mother's traumatization for example) might pass on again in the next generation. What I am articulating here is "common sense" and this government is supposed to pride itself on its enriched common sense.

In fairness, though I might commend this government on one point. If in fact it is also contemplating increasing funding for prevention and public education then here they are on the right track. An enormous amount of scholarly research has affirmed that preventive education and planning is a wise blue chip investment. I will remind people that encouraging women's self - sufficiency (and thus, in some cases decreasing their vulnerability to initial abuse or continued abuse) involves assisting women to achieve dignity and autonomy through services and supports such as access to higher education, affordable child care, an effective and timely judicial system, and other fair citizenship - building resources. If the government is now planning to reintroduce and expand these fair citizenship - building resources, I applaud them. I ask each member of this community to also think vigorously, observe compassionately, and respond appropriately.

Respectfully,
Si Transken
M.A., C.S.W., Ph.D. Candidate

INORD Graduate Research Grants

The Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development (INORD) is pleased to announce the INORD Graduate Research Grants, for part-time and full-time graduate students enrolled at Laurentian University and engaged in social scientific research focused on Northern Ontario. Projects must be consistent with INORD's mandate to be eligible. The grants will be given in support of research related to the student's graduate thesis or major research project, with priority being given to research that is consistent with SSHRC's mandate, namely research "on economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of human activity."

Funding Limits

A maximum of \$2,000 per student will be allocated, with a total allocation this year of \$8,000. In any year the total allocation may not be awarded.

Application

INORD Graduate research grants will be considered based on project quality, researcher need, and appropriate focus. Purchase of equipment is not eligible. Graduate students will submit to INORD a copy of their thesis or project proposal once it is approved by the department and supervisor, along with appropriate documents verifying this approval (letter from the department chair and a letter by the supervisor or another committee member, where the chair and supervisor ate the same person). The application must also give a detailed budget and research schedule.

Funding will be on a one-time basis and is intended to assist the student with the completion of her or his research. Students are encouraged to seek other sources of funds as well.

All successful applicants who are doing research involving human subjects will be required to follow the guidelines of the Laurentian University Ethics Committee and the "Ethical Principles for the Conduct of Research in the North" (ACUNS Occasional Publication, October 7, 1982). All publications, including the thesis or research project, must acknowledge INORD's contribution. The student agrees to notify INORD's director when she or he has successfully defended the thesis or completed the research project.

The Director of INORD will retain signing authority for all grants provided under this competition.

Deadline

To be considered for this grant, students must submit all documents to the INORD Office, Room A312, by 4:00pm on **February 3, 1997**.

Subventions de recherche en études supérieures de l'INORD

L'Institut nord-Ontarien de recherche et de développement (INORD) est fier d'annoncer des subventions de recherche à l'intention des étudiants et des étudiants inscrits soit à plein temps soit à temps partiel en études supérieures à l'Université Laurentienne et qui font des recherches en sciences humaines sur le Nord de l'Ontario. Les projets doivent correspondre au mandat de l'INORD. Les subventions soutiendront la recherche de thèse ou de mémoire principal. La préférence sera accordée aux projets qui satisfont les critères du CRSH, c'est-à-dire, qui portent "sur les dimensions économique, politique, sociale et culturelle de l'activité humaine."

Fonds alloués

Un maximum de 2000\$ par étudiante ou étudiant sera alloué, avec une somme totale de 8000\$ disponible pour cette année. La somme totale disponible ne sera pas nécessairement attribuée.

Soumission des demandes

L'INORD accorde ses subventions de recherche en études supérieures en se basant sur la qualité du projet, sa pertinence, et les besoins du chercheur. L'achat d'équipement ne sera pas permis. Les étudiant(e)s des études supérieures soumettront à l'INORD un exemplaire du plan de recherche pour la thèse ou le mémoire après que le département et le directeur de thèse l'aient approuvé, avec les documents qui vérifient cette approbation (lettre du chef de département et lettre du directeur de thèse ou d'un autre membre du comité, dans le cas où le chef est le directeur). La demande doit aussi comprendre un budget détaillé et un échéancier de recherche.

La subvention sera accordée à un étudiant(e) une seule fois et devra l'aider à compléter la recherche. Les étudiant(e)s sont encouragés à solliciter des fonds d'autres organismes.

Tout projet faisant appel à des sujets humains devra respecter les directives du Comité d'évaluation déontologique de l'Université Laurentienne, ainsi que les "Principes d'éthique pour la conduite de la recherche dans le Nord" (publication occasionnelle de l'AUCEN, 7, 1982). Toute publication, y compris la thèse ou le mémoire, doit reconnaître la contribution de l'INORD. L'étudiant(e) s'engage à aviser la directrice de l'INORD du succès de la soutenance de thèse ou de la conclusion de la recherche pour le mémoire.

La directrice de l'INORD approuve les dépenses des subventions accordées dans le cadre de ce concours.

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Tales from the Left

by Ray Marks
columnist

I'd like to welcome everybody back from the holidays safe and sound. But there is one thing that Ontarians are still not safe from and that's Mike Harris' budget cutting ax. The Tories are still targeting some of the most vulnerable groups in our society and the opinion polls still show him ahead.

Did you see your tax cut when Christmas shopping? I believe most Ontarians didn't either. There was some good news and it came in the form of maintaining the budgets for post-secondary education. But the Tories can't seem to stop kicking

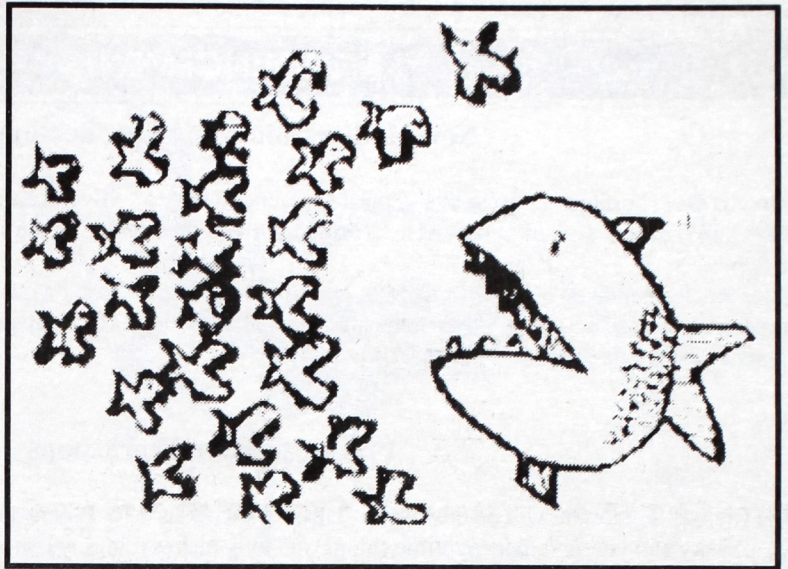
sand in the eyes of students. It seems that OSAP recipients (over 60% of all L.U. students) can now have their loans considered as income. Isn't the goal of OSAP to help people with low or no income to get an education? The Tories have lost their way again.

This is particularly painful for students with children. Some might ask what's the percentage? Well, I don't know but it just might shock us. This means that students with children that receive a day-care subsidy for their children can no longer receive it. If you have children in Laurentian's subsidized day-care, you can expect to pay up to \$630 per month. Can students receiving OSAP really afford this? After they have paid the rent, bought the groceries, paid tuition, books, utilities, clothes

for the kids, transportation, etc.; the answer is no.

The reasoning behind this decision the Tories came up with while students were worrying about exams, working or at home with their families is to hit a group of people with little or no voice. There is only so much the student associations can do and the universities are too busy worrying about themselves and not the people they serve.

Sadly enough, this group of students, OSAP recipients, parents and people are majority women. The Tories have not been the biggest supporters of women's issues in Ontario. Especially not if these women need the OSAP money to get a good job and contribute to society (that they will probably be paid less at because of men's attitudes like Harris') and



need subsidized day care for their children. Remember this is the same Premier who said mothers should stay home to make breakfast for their kids like his did in the good old days.

Therefore, this latest attack is not surprising. The Tories have made it a habit of attacking these groups in

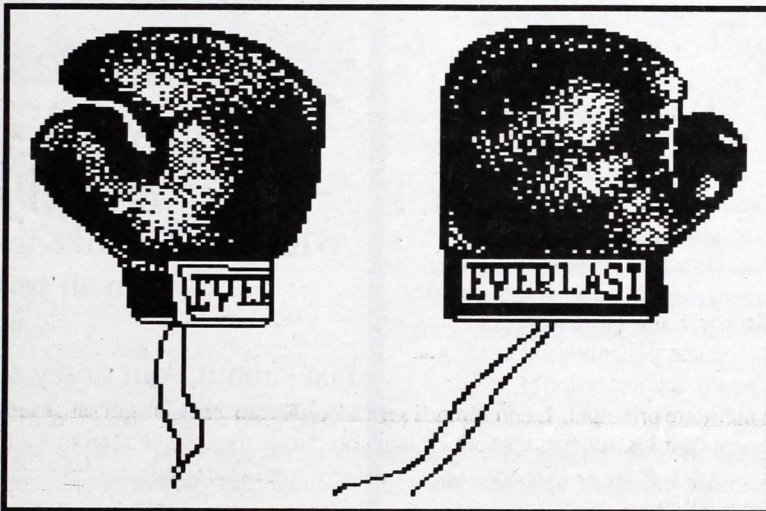
society. It's just a waiting game to see who will be the next target. Who's to blame? Not me because I voted NDP. Let's open our eyes and realize what's really happening in our province. They'll simply keep taking measures if we let them.

by Bryson McCarthy
Contributor

Get In The Ring

There is a great big conspiracy out there in the world right now. Everyone, in one way or another, is a victim. This conspiracy is waged every day by males against females, and we males don't even know it. Everything you do is part of the conspiracy guys.

I was told about the conspiracy over the Christmas break and I know understand even more that men and women are from differing planets and we will never possibly unite as one. My girlfriend pointed out certain "signs" I supposedly do when I want something to happen. She gets very upset over many of



them, thinking I don't want to be around her, to kiss her, or even make

love to her. To me the things I do really have no purpose than to either entertain me (or her), to pass time, or God forbid, there is no reason I do these things. Girls understand, we men have small brains and most of

the room is taken up with thoughts of Food, Beer, Sex, Football, and Sleep.

As you can see, there is no room in our heads to fit a huge conspiracy plan against you in which we come up with a hidden meaning for every action we do. There is no conspiracy cell in our brains, and if there was one, the beer would have killed it a long time ago! The truth is we do not care about creating a conspiracy, all we want are the five things listed above.

If we are a couple, why should we play this game? If we did not like you then we would just dump you! Just stop being so damned paranoid. All men are not out to get you. And especially, don't be so paranoid of your boyfriend. Of course, my girlfriend is right now taking this as a sign in the ongoing conspiracy against her. Hello! Unlike girls, guys

will basically say what's on their mind. If a guy kisses you in a strange way that does not mean he does not want to kiss you any more. If a guy starts joking around at certain points between being intimate, maybe he is just passing time, but not in the sense that you are boring to him (see, the conspiracy rears its ugly head again).

Relationships are different for everyone. Different people act different ways, especially guys and girls. We are not the same. We may both be paranoid of something at some point, but not at everything at once. Guys, just watch out for those little things that you don't even think about doing, supposedly they mean something. And girls, if your boyfriend sneezes, it does not mean he is psychologically allergic to you and his subconscious is trying to make you go away. There is no big conspiracy against you until you make it so. Come on, we are guys, do you really think we could come up with anything this complex?

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Procrastination Workshops

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Writing Awards

Here are a few contests for those who are interested in writing or sending in past writings for a chance at winning some money.

1996 Herb Lampert Student Writing Award

\$750 Prize Categories: Print TV and Radio

The Herb Lampert Student Writing Award is open to any student science writer who has a science article published in a student or other newspaper or magazine or aired on a radio or TV station in Canada for in 1996. Competitors must be Canadian citizens or residents of Canada. The award is presented for original material disseminated-in French or in English print or broadcast-during the calendar year 1996. Entries in each of the categories may deal with research and development, regulatory trends or social issues. Entries must be received by February 15, 1997. For further information, phone CSWA (416) 928-9624 or email cswa@interlog.com

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1996 Hoffmann-LaRoche Awards for excellence in Vitamin nutrition Journalism

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Good Luck to all those who will be trying out for these awards.

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VA - Romeo + Juliet Soundtrack

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

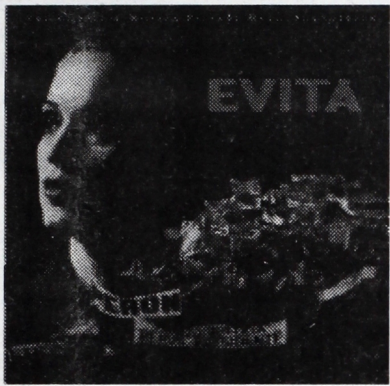
It's not the type of music you would expect to be on the soundtrack for a movie like *Romeo and Juliet*, but this was not a normal movie. Alternative fans, even without seeing this movie will probably snatch this album right off the shelves.

With bands like **Everclear**, **Butthole Surfers**, and **Radiohead** this soundtrack is a great collection of some of the best bands on the market today. The songs *#1 Crush* by **Garbage**, and *Lovefool* by **The Cardigans** stand out as two of the best songs on the album, but there is one better. *Kissing You (Love Theme From Romeo + Juliet)* by **Des'ree** is an amazing piece of work. The song fits the tone and mood of the movie perfectly.

For anyone who likes this type of music or any of the bands I have listed, I strongly recommend picking up this soundtrack. And if you haven't seen the movie yet, what the hell are you waiting for?

Synapse, and *A Tendency To Start Fires* are also great songs worth checking out.

Fans of **BushX** may be a little disappointed in this album, but it's not a total loss. It is a pleasant album and I don't think it is going to break the band. Come on, there are probably a few million teenagers who received this album for Christmas, so **BushX** is here to stay.



Madonna - Evita Soundtrack

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Sure the movie is not out until Jan. 20, but why wait. This soundtrack is a two disk set and contains all the songs from the movie *Evita*. I know a lot of you may not be interested in a musical but come on, just hearing **Antonio Banderas** sing is worth the price of admission!

Just listening to the album you can hear that this is the role **Madonna** was born to play. On **Oprah** a few weeks back, **Madonna** told her that she even went for singing and voice lessons to perform the songs better. The songs *Don't Cry For Me Argentina* and *You Must Love Me* are powerful testaments to the fact that **Madonna** is the greatest female singer to date.

Much like a Broadway soundtrack, this album tells most of the story through the songs. I highly recommend listening to this album even before seeing the movie. It will give you a better understanding of the musical, and it will help to build the anticipation of when the movie will finally be out.

The principle vocals are sung by **Madonna**, **Jonathan Price**, **Jimmy Nail**, and like I said before... **Antonio**. And I thought all he could do was shoot a gun and grow his hair.



BushX - Razorblade Suitcase

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Well that crazy band with the X after their name are back with another album. Although it is not as good as their first album, *Razorblade Suitcase* is still suitable listening.

If you have listened to the radio at all over the last month or two you will have heard *Swallowed*, the first single from the album. Sure it's been beaten to death already (especially on Detroit radio), but it's a great song. *Distant Voices*,



VA - MuchMusic's Big Shiny Tunes

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

All I can say is **HOLY FUCK!** This is one of the greatest albums I have ever heard. I have not stopped listening to it since I opened the package. Sure **MuchMusic** usually plays really bad videos (I can say this because I have **MTV** at home), but somehow they made one of the greatest alternative rock albums in history!

Eighteen of the greatest bands today are jammed onto this album. **BushX**, **Garbage**, **Marilyn Manson**, **No Doubt**, **Foo Fighters**, **Moist**, and **Beck** are all featured with some of their best songs. If that's not enough to get you to listen to this album, there's also **Chili Peppers**, **Sloan**, **Limblifter**, **Fun Lovin' Criminals**, **Radiohead**, **Killjoys**, and five more bands who just rock the shit out of this album.

Unless you are all whacked out on **Scooby Snacks** you should be running to the store and buying this album or stealing it from someone on your floor who got it for Christmas. This is the type of album you just hit play on and not have to bother skipping any of the songs. Don't you get it, this is the music event of the century (well... maybe not that big) and it should not be missed. **MuchMusic's Big Shiny Tunes**, I have it, why don't you.



Live On Stage

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Over the Christmas holidays I went home and went out to see the greatest band to have ever come out of Sarnia. Fast becoming the most popular band to play bars in Ontario, **Laughing Sam's Breakdown** rocked the ceiling off *Stinger's Nightclub*.

With a sound that's alternative rock through and through this band has a great future ahead of it. With one album out now and a new album scheduled for February, **Laughing Sam's** is becoming more and more popular. They are signed to a record contract and from what I have heard, they have a very big following in one of the southern states.

I don't have much info on the band yet, but they consist of five members, a few of which used to play for **Ten Second's Over Tokyo**. Their lead singer has a voice as powerful as that of **Chris Cornell** of *Soundgarden* and their sound would give any big band today a run for their money.

I can't say much more about them without more info, but I will be getting the album and a full bio on the band soon. So if you are ever in south-western Ontario (Toronto, London, Windsor, or Sarnia) and you see that **Laughing Sam's Breakdown** is playing, go check them out! Maybe someone could look into having them play here at the school or at one of the local bars. Look for them, **Laughing Sam's Breakdown**, soon to be as big as... well, anyone big!

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Attack of the Cheese

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer



This week's cheese is a double bill fresh out of the dairy case at MTV. That's right *Bevis and Butthead Do America* is out in theatres and *Joe's Apartment* is on video. For MTV's first ventures into the world of feature movie, they did a good job landing in the cheese papers very quickly.

First, in theatres is *Bevis and Butthead Do America*. How did they make this into a movie you ask? Well instead of sitting on their butts (huh huh, I said butt) watching bad music videos, they actually go on a cross country road trip. It's not because they are bored, it's because someone has stolen their television set.

As they cross America trying to finally score and make enough money to get a new TV, *Bevis and Butthead* manage to almost crash an airplane, destroy the Hoover Dam,

set off a top secret chemical weapon in Washington, become the FBI's most wanted criminals and get caught whacking off in Mr. Anderson's tool shed. This movie is full of sexual innuendo, bad writing and yes... even **The Great Cornholio!** Cartoon cheese always makes me laugh.

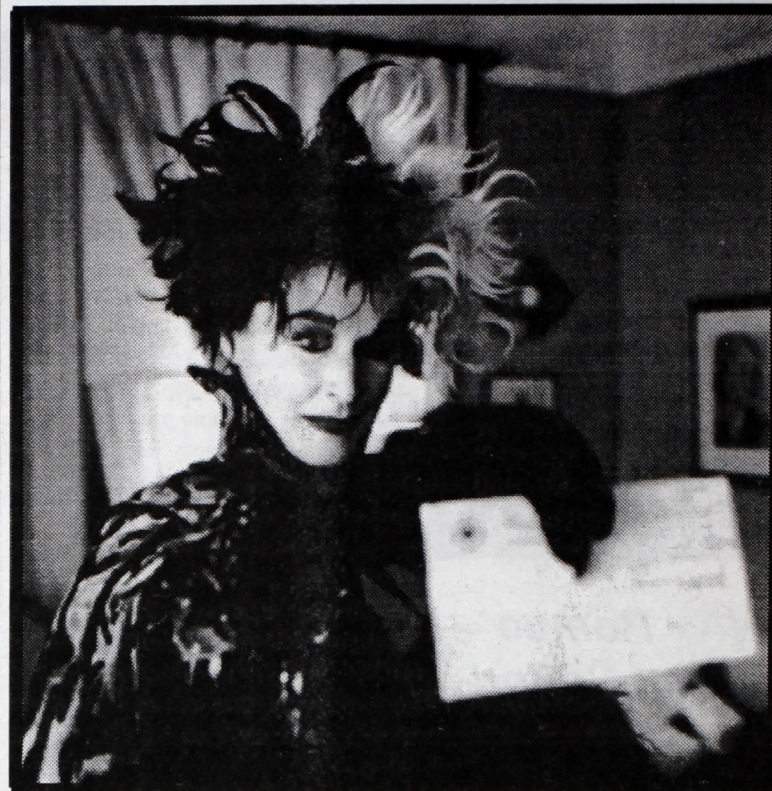
Joe's Apartment never really made it on the big screen, but it's

a great little slice on video. The movie stars **Jerry O'Connell** (*Slider*, *Stand By Me*) as a young guy who strikes out on his own in New York and ends up living in an apartment with over ten thousand singing, dancing, and talking cockroaches. As the landlord tries to evict Joe so he can sell the property to evil government workers, the cockroaches fight back wanting to stay with the young man because he is the biggest slob they have ever seen. Joe of course falls in love and has problems romancing the woman of his dreams without interference by his new little friends.

Joe's Apartment is hilarious and is worth seeing just for the cockroaches' singing and dancing scenes. The movie idea is from a popular short cartoon that used to air on MTV. Cheese, cheese, and more cheese.

These movies are great for those cheese fans out there. And if you are looking for some companion videos, **Bevis and Butthead** have three or four collections on video, and there is also MTV's *Liquid Television* available on video featuring *Joe's Apartment* and other MTV favourites. MTV has entered the cheese generation, and my prediction is they will be there for a long time.

Seeing Spots



by Tara D'Angelo
Staff Writer

Readers of Lambda will have to forgive me if this article sounds a little funny but I have been bitten quite hard by this nasty flu bug and am therefore having quite a hard time concentrating on subject matter. However, I do feel it necessary to jot down a few of my opinions on the new children's flick, Disney's cute and cuddly **101 Dalmatians**.

Anyone with children, younger brothers and sisters, or in my case, young cousins, was dragged to this movie amidst the evil crowd of Christmas shoppers. The live action version of **101 Dalmatians** was released November 27th and has met with an enormous success. It stars Jeff Daniels and Joely Richardson as the lovebirds Roger and Anita, and Glenn Close as the evil Cruella De Vil. Hugh Laurie and Mark Williams are De Vil's bumbling sidekicks Jasper and Horace. The real stars, however, are the 101 adorable puppies who elicit "ahhhhhh's" from the crowd whenever they appear on screen.

As the live action story goes, Roger and Anita are two Dalmatian owners who meet in the park one day and fall in love, as do their dogs, Pongo and Purdy. Roger creates video games and Anita is a fashion designer who works for De Vil Enterprises. When her boss, Cruella, hears of her impending marriage, she is outraged, especially since Anita has created an outfit which Cruella, a woman obsessed with fashion and fur, wants desperately. The outfit was inspired by her faithful dog, Purdy. Both Anita and Purdy discover at the same time they are expecting children and when the news reaches the ears of Ms De Vil, she wants them. The puppies that is. So, of course, she plots a way to steal Pongo and Purdy's 15 newborn pups and adds them to the 84 already in her possession. You can see where this is going.

The movie was very cute and very cuddly, but the scenes with Jasper and Horace were faintly reminiscent of **Home Alone**. Glenn Close was incredible as the evil villainess and her outfits were nothing if not outrageous. I only wish that the dogs and other animals could talk as they did in the animated version or in the other Disney flick, **Homeward Bound**.

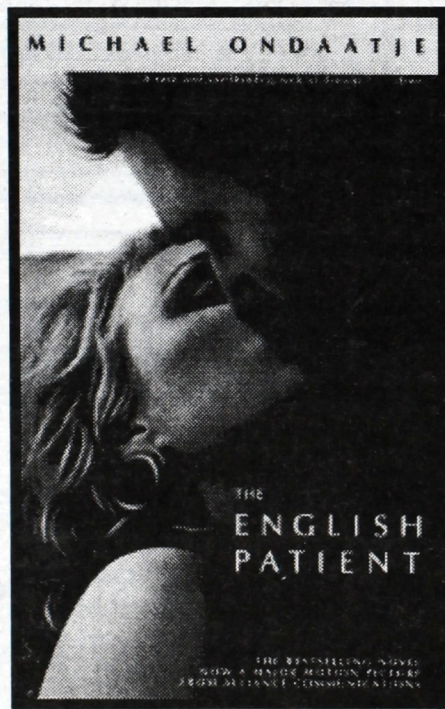
I also want to take this time to warn people who have seen this movie against getting a Dalmatian puppy for their children. They are incredibly cute and very friendly dogs but they are also the hardest to train and are very hyper and require an abnormal amount of exercise and outdoor activity. Resist the urge to contact a Dalmatian breeder because these dogs are currently in high demand and therefore the lines are being bred too closely which leads to an increase in health problems. It is a cute movie, but that is all it is. Just because you saw **Operation Dumbo Drop**, did you buy an elephant?

Critic In The Bookshelves

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

It's been a while since I have read a great book, but I finally found another. *The English Patient* by Canadian writer **Michael Ondaatje** is a fantastically amazing piece of work.

The story follows the time left and the memories of a patient in a wartime hospital. The patient is burned beyond recognition and cannot remember his own name, but the nurse, Hana, who is taking care of him figures he is English due to his accent. The hospital has been abandoned, but since the english patient was not well enough to move, Hana stayed behind with him to nurse him during his last remaining days. They are joined by a friend of Hana's father, Caravaggio, and an explosives expert named Kip who



has been sent to dismantle bombs in the surrounding area.

As everyone listens to the patient, he tells the story of the love

he once had before his accident, a love that was strong and passionate. As he tells his stories, everyone becomes more curious as to who the english patient actually is. I won't tell you who he is, but the ending of the book is amazing.

The book does jump around a lot from story to story and past to present, but it works. The characters are structured very well and are strong throughout the novel. The story is not based as much on anything but strong characters and strong storylines. It is through this that the mystery and passion appear. No story will hit you the way this one does.

The movie version is to be released soon, but I strongly recommend the novel. **Michael Ondaatje** is an amazing novelist and *The English Patient* is perfect. Everyone should make this book their new year's reading project.

Kraft Dinner Recipe of the Week

Sunshine Cheesy Omlet

Ingredients: Left-over Kraft Dinner
2 - 3 Eggs
Ham or Bacon
Omlet Fixings (ie. green pepper, onions, etc)

Directions: When you have some KD left-over from the night before, you can mix it into your omlet in the morning. Crack the eggs into a bowl and beat them. Mix the left-over KD into the eggs and pour into frying pan. Add whatever fixings you want, serve with bacon (or add it in) and some toast and enjoy KD for breakfast.

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Holiday Movie Season

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

That's right. It's the season of the important movie with a deep meaning, great acting and the hopeful Oscar nomination. The holiday season is always packed full of films the movie companies are hoping to get an Oscar nomination out of. These movies usually star actors who are not as good as they seem to think (ie Winona Ryder) and so they take on roles they do not fit in with some moral issue behind it that the Oscar voters won't forget. The chick-flicks come out in full force (*One Fine Day*, *The Evening Star*, *The Preachers Wife* etc) and the rest of the movies are just stupid movies hoping to attract the teenager roaming the mall (*Bevis and Butthead*, *Mars Attacks*), or the family (*101 Dalmatians*, *Jingle All The Way*) willing to pay up to \$60 for one

movie with snacks. There's not much out there with quality, but I did find one... *Jerry Maguire*.

Sure **Tom Cruise** is cranking out movies faster than **Kathie Lee Gifford's** child workers make clothes, but this one is good. Actually it's great. If you have ever seen one of **Cruise's** first movies, *Risky Business*, then you are reminded of the character and think that this could be him 15 years later. The story is of a sports agent (**Cruise**) who is fired from his job but manages to hang on to one of his clients (**Cuba Gooding Jr**). Trying to keep his business afloat, he falls in love with the only person in his office who believed in and came with him. The part of the single mother accountant is played outstandingly by newcomer **Rene Zellweger** (*Empire Records*). The movie is a little long, but it needs all that time to play out its stories. There is the sports comedy, the romance, and the inner conflict storylines that have to play out and overlap. This movie could almost be two separate films but it is done very well.

I also saw *One Fine Day*, but was rather disappointed. It was the typical romantic comedy and if you have seen any other romantic comedies (*When Harry Met Sally*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, *When a Man Loves a Woman*, etc) then you have already seen this movie. The one thing I don't like about this movie is that **George Clooney** is portrayed as the naive man who just won't grow up and the girl is the smart successful level headed one. Why is this always the way? I am getting very insulted that Hollywood writers seem to think this is the way all men should be in these movies. Maybe a change in this would make these movies more interesting to the guys who are being dragged to them by our girlfriends.

All I can really say is that this holiday season was very disappointing to me movie wise. The only movie I will recommend is *Jerry Maguire*. It's a movie with something for everyone and is not boring at any point.

Roommate Practical Jokes

Well Laurentian, you have had a month away from your roommate and now they are back. Did you forget all the annoying habits they have? Probably not, and now they are probably twice as annoying as before. Well, here are a few ideas on how to get even, or just plain piss off your roommate.

1. Insist they get up at 6am to sing the national anthem along with you and CBC
2. Put on rollerblades and football padding and when your roommate comes down the hall, run them over with a hard body check. Then apologize to them explaining that you thought they were the enemy.
3. Constantly fall out of your chair and laugh hysterically. After a few weeks of this, fall one last time, get up and smash the chair to pieces screaming "It's not funny anymore!"
4. Hang a stocking every night, then every morning start swearing that Santa is an asshole and forgot you again.
5. Sleep in your roommate's bed and tell him its roommate reversal night.
6. Hide all their underwear and replace them with pampers extra small.
7. Wake them up every night by licking their forehead and telling them

they taste like chicken.

8. Take your roommate's stuffed animals and freeze their feet into ice trays.
9. Fill the room with balloons and fill different balloons with things that will make a mess when the balloons are popped (shaving cream, confetti, etc.)
10. Take all the screws out of their bed and when they lay down on it it will collapse.
11. Hang 30 or 40 slinkys from the ceiling and tell your roommate the squirrel at U of S told you to do it.
12. While your roommate is brushing their teeth, tell them "That toothbrush will make you teeth sparkle. It did an amazing job on the toilet bowl about an hour ago!"
13. Put a masking tape "X" on your window and tell your roommate you're just waiting for a friend.
14. Lie on the floor shaking and tell you roommate you have the Ebola Virus.
15. Cover the room with tinfoil and tell them that this is the only way that the aliens won't see what you are doing.
16. Feed your roommate Taco Bell then saran wrap the toilet.
17. Sign your roommate up for all the

magazines and book clubs you can find and put "bill me later".

18. Open all their mail and tell them you are going through an identity crisis.
19. Cover the room with string. When they ask you why, tell them "I'm Spiderman"
20. Buy a tarantula and tell them its there to kill all the crabs.
21. Cover the floor with Kraft Dinner and ask them "Wanna wrestle?"
22. Submit a photo of them sleeping to the entertainment section of Lambda.

Microserfs

by Tara D'Angelo
Staff Writer

I got this book by pseudo-Canadian author Douglas Coupland a little over a year ago and it quickly became a part of my favourite pieces of literature. **Microserfs** is Coupland's fourth book and is one of his best, although I think his second book, **Shampoo Planet** was my favourite.

The book is actually the journal entries of Daniel Underwood, a Microsoft coder who lives in a group house with other microserfs, Michael, Todd, Susan, Karla, Bug and Abe. Their lives are fairly empty, with only the occasional "geek" party and flame-mail from Bill (Bill!) to punctuate their days. At some point, they all realize they have no lives what so ever and spend the remainder of the book searching for one. Finally, the opportunity to strike out on their own and the crew moves to try their hand in the world of independent programming.

I don't know a great deal about computers or computer programming, but reading books like this, as well as watching movies like **Mission: Impossible** and **Hackers**, makes me want to be a computer junkie and hack into major government agencies. I love everything about Coupland's books. He writes in a very free flowing way and he seems to know what people are thinking. I strongly recommend this book or any others by Coupland, including **Generation X**, **Shampoo Planet** and **Life After God**. He is a fabulous writer and you can expect very good things from him in years to come.

What We Got For Christmas

The staff at Lambda has decided to tell our faithful readers what the coolest gifts we got were. Here they are.

- Monique, Proofreader Extrordinaire:** Elephant candle holders
Andie the Photo Goddess: A camera from the 1920's
Francois the Opinion God: A wine making kit. (We'll be having some cool office parties now!)
- Remi the Sports Deity:** A watch, but I don't believe in time.
Tara the Entertainment Angel: A cranberry colored lava lamp.
Kim the Newsworthiest: An Aztec Pewter sun picture frame.
Jason the Feature of the Week: An automatic putter and Tom and Jerry boxers
- Darcy, the Marketer to End All Marketers:** Spiderman Underwear.
Mat the Entertainment Backbone: A plastic bowling kit
Ana the Financial Goddess: A Danish
Dom, the Overlord and Ruler of All That is Good: A silver ring
Carine the Production Master: A Lion King stuffed animal to add to my collection.

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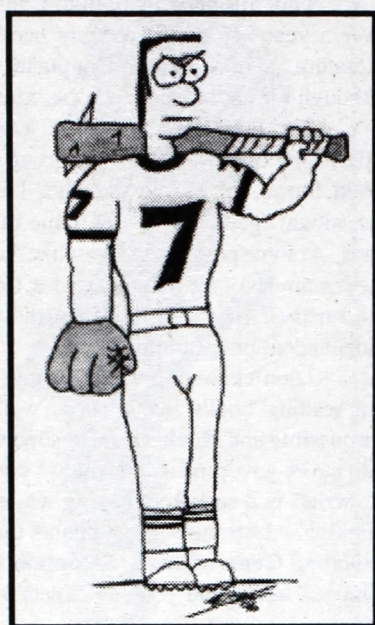
New Year Predictions

by Honsing Leung and
Mike LeBlanc
Columnists

Honsing

Happy New Year to all! I hope you all enjoyed the much needed holiday season. I thought we could start the 97 season by making a few predictions of what will happen in the world of sports. Before we start I have a couple of points that I would like to make. First, congratulations are in order to the Canadian National Jr. team for winning their 5th straight gold and also to the Green Bay Packers for totally dominating every aspect of the game against the 49ers. They are Super Bowl bound as I have been saying since the induction of this article. What happened, by the way, to the Dallas Cowboys, Mike? Couldn't beat an expansion team? Too Bad! Another feat of mine was to predict that the Jays were going to sign Roger Clemens (Vol 35, Issue 11, Dec. 6 to verify) and what happens? A week later the Jays inked him to a \$24 million dollar deal. Was he worth it? We'll find out in the near future. So, with my Nostradamus-like powers, here's what will happen in the New Year...

1. On January 26th, the Green Bay Packers will win the Super Bowl by a lopsided score over the Jacksonville Jaguars 49-11, but, dur-



ing the ensuing celebrations, Brett Favre says, "I'm going to Busch Gardens!" The next day, Disney sues.

2. The Leafs make a last ditch effort to make the playoffs come stretch time and sign recent Spengler cup winners Dan Daoust and Gilles Thibideau for the rest of the season. They fail, and GM Cliff Fletcher trades away the next 5 first rounders for Mario Lemieux who retires 2 days later. Fletcher is nowhere to be found.

3. In early March, Shaq returns to the O-rena and fans are throwing money on the court. It was heard through the grapevine that Shaq had the Laker's Jerry West yell out "Show me the money" before he signed with them in the off season.

4. The Jays make the post-season on the arms of the Rocket and

Pat Hentgen but A.L. president Gene Budig refuses to let them play in the playoffs until they do something about the horrendous looking uniforms. The Belgian owners comply and change the name and logo to the Toronto Tickle me Blue Jays.

5. The Toronto Raptors sign Michael Jordan. Within the week, Isiah convinces both Larry Bird and Magic Johnson to come out of retirement and signs them. Fox outbids every major network by \$100 million and instills the Fox Ball, a basketball that not only leaves a trail behind when you shoot, but also makes the ball fluorescent orange so that the viewers can keep track of it.

Welcome Back everyone!

Mike

Well, my portion of the article will have to be shortened because I feel sluggish with the pain of the Cowboys' loss. Honsing predictions are pretty good and I don't really want to debate them so I'll just say that the Jays will make the wild-card but that's all, the Flyers will ride Big Eric to the Stanley Cup and the NB's Bulls will continue to rule the world. My mother taught me never to make up excuses so I won't say anything more about the Cowboys. I would, however, like to laugh at the Denver Broncos who were the only team to look worse than the Cowboys this past weekend (that one's for you Romaniuk). I truly hope that my portion of the article continues since I receive my mid-terms this week and the outlook is glum; oh... it's good to be back!

Big Bowls of Crap!

by Pat McLean
Contributor

Another college football season has come and gone and, like most of the recent seasons, people are left asking "Who is #1?" The voters said Florida was champion, but a case could be made for five teams.

Before I go on, I would like to point out that Florida is either a mythical or an elected national champion. Choose the term that sounds best, but don't leave it out. Without a playoff, the team that receives the trophy is simply the media's favourite team of

How is a team going to go undefeated in a conference with 7 bowl teams? It is nearly impossible. That is why there was such an uproar in 1994 when Penn State went 12-0 in the Big Ten but Nebraska, playing a much easier schedule, was voted the mythical national champion.

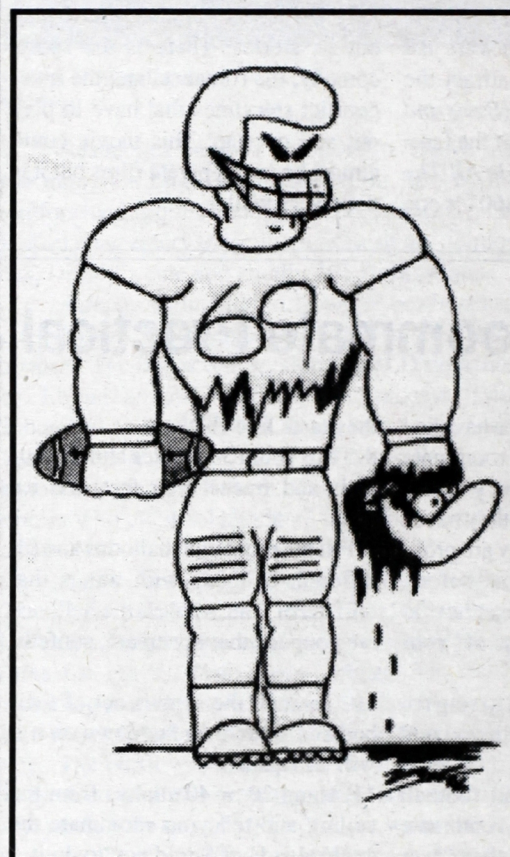
Everything points to a 16-team playoff. Set up a committee to select the teams. The only automatic berth is for an undefeated team for whom all victories come against Division I-A opponents. Seed the teams 1-16 or 1-8 in two regions to cut down on travel. Start the playoff two weeks before New Year's Day. 4 weeks of football and there is an undisputed champion.

Having a committee will allow low strength of schedule to return to

its rightful place as an important criteria in determining the best teams. No longer will the Big Ten get shafted, nor will Nebraska be rewarded for playing patsies. Teams will have prepared themselves against good competition, and it will eliminate the degrees of losses.

The problem is that you're protecting poll position each week. If you lose early in the season, you can climb back up. Lose late, and it may be curtains. Plus, if you lose, you have to drop. So if #4 plays #1 and loses, they drop. I thought you were supposed to lose to the number 1 team?

Look what happened with Colorado. They lost at home to Michi-



gan and fell behind.

Florida, Florida State, Ohio State, Arizona and Brigham Young all finished with one loss. Each team had points for and against when it came to choosing a mythical national champion.

The biggest problem is that the media only consider two factors when it comes to choosing the national champion - winning the last game and being undefeated. Since it is not an elimination playoff, winning the last game does not have the same significance. I can, however, accept this criteria to a degree, because a champion should perform when it counts.

Being undefeated is where the problems start. When Florida played at Florida State this season, it was only the 5th or 6th non-conference game on the road that Florida has played under Steve Spurrier. Less than one non-conference road game per year. Instead, Florida plays a bunch of patsies at home to pad their record. That's all fine and dandy, but what do you prove by beating Tumbleweed Tech?

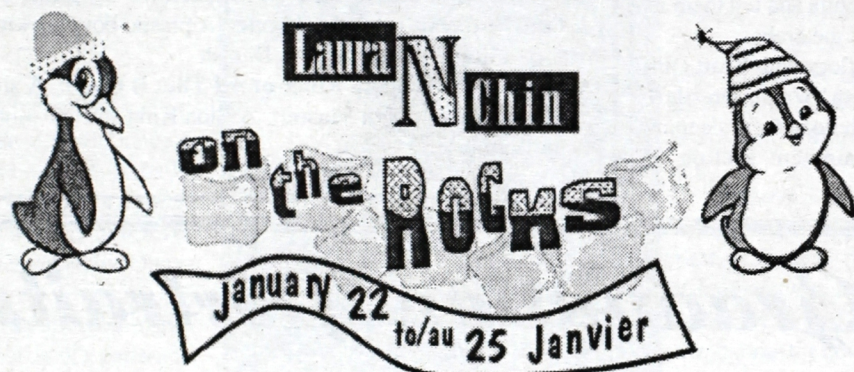
This not only rewards easy schedules, but it penalizes those teams who do wish to play some real competition. Take Ohio State. Their conference sent 7 teams to bowl games. They went 10-1 playing in arguably the best conference in the country.

A month later, Michigan lost on the road to Northwestern, who was also a Top 20 team. Colorado defeated a cupcake and climbed back ahead of Michigan, despite the fact that they had lost to them. They both had one loss, but Michigan had given Colorado its loss. But since it happened so much earlier, it was less significant than a loss in October.

The argument against the playoff is that we can't ask this much of our students. They have classes. . . Let's be serious. How many of these athletes would be in school if it weren't for football? And does anyone really believe the players wouldn't love to get a shot at a team that beat them? They will play more games.

BYU threatened to sue if they were left out of the Bowl Alliance. The reason? Alliance bowls paid \$8 million, whereas the one BYU would be most likely to go to paid \$2.5 million. If you want the money so bad, have a playoff. The championship game would be bigger than the Super Bowl. (I know the Super Bowl is worldwide, but the real money is in the U.S., and the college game would be bigger.)

Maybe there's a better way than what's proposed. But if it doesn't decide the champion on the field, it will still be the same old mess.



Get Chillin' With Laura N' Chin

Hey Laurentian! Get your Carny teams ready! This year, each Carny team will consist of twenty people. The sign-up fee for each person will be \$15.00. Now, that may sound expensive but listen to this. Each person on the team will receive the following:

1. A V.I.P. pass with your name on it. This will entitle you to at least 6 live entertainment shows without paying any additional entrance fees.
2. For all lucky pass holders, priority will be given to you when entering the shows. Before 10:00 p.m., all pass holders will be able to walk right into the shows, while those without a pass will have to stand in line and wish they had a pass. Those poor unfortunate souls will also have to pay the admission fee.
3. You'll also receive your very own exclusive piece of Carny wear. There will be one piece of clothing for each person on the team.
4. All pass holders will receive free food at the SGA Snack and Sculpt event.

Not to mention, the many fun-filled team activities and the chance to enjoy Carny at its best!

There will be a Carny headquarters established in room L227 in the Student Centre so that teams can frequently check their scores as they become available. Once again, team registration will begin on Wednesday, January 8 at the Carny Booth, near the Great Hall. Come out and chill with your favorite penguins, Laura N' Chin!!!

Intramural Update

Women's Intramural Basketball

by Craig Genys
Staff Writer

And the Winner Is...

After a long and eventful season, the Women's Intramural Basketball league came to an end on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The championship game pitted the unending determination of the Thorneloe T-Birds against the finesse of the U. of S. Stokers A. The T-Birds jumped out to an early lead but were eventually worn down by U. of S., who won the match and the championship plaque. Sara Oliver of the U. of S. Stokers was the player of the game with 12 pts. and an all-around superb performance.

Special thanks goes out to those wild and crazy pot banging Thorneloe fans who made it a night to remember. Also, we, the convenors of the league, would like to thank the Lady Vees, Val Hughes, the Active Living office, those last minute volunteers, the equipment counter people, as well as the teams and their fans for making it an interesting season.

This year's award winners include:
Michelle Jurezenko - League MVP, All-Star MVP
Jody Luesby - Scoring Champion, Skills Competition Champion
Meagan Lunce - Rookie of the Year
Julie Lavigne - All-Star MVP
Sara Oliver - Playoff MVP

All-Star and Skills Competition

On Tuesday Nov. 19, the Women's Intramural Basketball game and skills competition was held. Participants in the skills competition included:
Bobbi Duncan (Huntington) 2nd
Michelle Jurezenko (The Airballers)
Jodie Scinto (Thorneloe)
Megan Lance (4th Floor Birds)
Jody Leusby (U. of S. A) 1st
Christine Abela (Fallen Angels)
Janelle Birtch (U. of S. B) 3rd

In an exciting and fast-paced game the team A All-Stars pulled away from the team B All-Stars, and won the game 50-39. The participants in the All-Star game included:

- Team A**

 - *Judie Lavigne (U. of S. A)
 - Lisa Holte (U. of S. A)
 - Jody Leusby (U. of S. A)
 - Bobbi Duncan (Huntington)
 - Jen Dynes (Huntington)
 - Amanda O'Reilly (4th Floor)
- Team B**

 - Joy Berthiaume (U. of S. B)
 - Ginette Guidon (U. of S. B)
 - Jodie Scinto (Thorneloe)
 - Karin Trimble (Thorneloe)
 - Christine Abela (Fallen Angels)
 - *Michelle Jurezenko (Airballers)
 - Meagan Lance (4th Floor)

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Vee Line

Hockey Vees Lose Exhibition Game

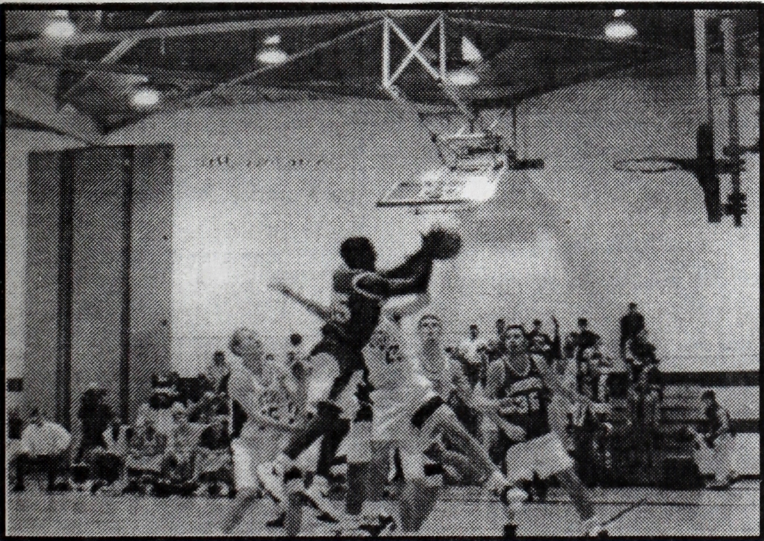
The hockey Vees travelled through the stormy weather this weekend to take on the Northern Michigan Wildcats. Despite their efforts the Voyageurs fell short, losing 9-3. Midway through the game the two teams were tied 3-3 but the Wildcats pulled ahead to win the game. The scorers for the Voyageurs were **Jordan Scruton**, **Kiley Hill** and **Gary Roach**. Roach is just one of the three new defensive players the Vees have added to their line up. The other two players are **Paul Spina** and **Jeremy Rebek**, all of whom were top OHL players. The Voyageurs hope to be a challenge defensively to all teams they will face off against in the 1997 portion of their season.

O.W.I.A.A. Basketball Standings

East	GP	W	L	F	A	PTS
Toronto	6	5	1	472	384	10
Laurentian	4	3	1	277	213	6
York	4	3	1	265	245	6
Ottawa	4	1	3	246	284	2
Ryerson	4	1	3	214	269	2
Carleton	4	0	4	164	306	0
Queen's	6	0	6	367	454	0

West	GP	W	L	F	A	PTS
Guelph	1	1	0	49	42	2
Windsor	1	1	0	59	46	2
Western	1	1	0	77	46	2
Laurier	2	1	1	113	122	2
Lakehead	0	0	0	0	0	0
McMaster	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brock	1	0	1	63	67	0
Waterloo	2	0	2	88	126	0

This Week in Veeland



Welcome back Vees' fans! Well, it's 1997 and the Vees are ready to continue their winning ways. So break out the noisemakers and cheer on your teams.

The men's and women's **basketball** teams take to the court again this weekend. The eighth-ranked (in the nation) Lady Vees won't have much time to shake out the Christmas-break cobwebs as they take on the Concordia Stingers at 6:15 on Friday, January 10 and the fifth-ranked McGill Martletts at 3:00 on Sunday, January 12. Our undefeated Voyageurs will defend their third in the nation ranking as they take on the Concordia Stingers at 8:00 on Friday and the McGill Redmen at 1:00 on Sunday. As usual, all games are at the Ben Avery Gym.

The **hockey** Vees return to the Sudbury Arena this weekend to face two teams from the twin cities Kitchener and Waterloo. After a disappointing exhibition game last weekend against the Northern Michigan Wildcats, the Vees will be looking to return to OUAA play with a bang. The Vees take to the ice Saturday, Jan. 11 to face the Waterloo Warriors. They take on the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks the next day (Sunday, Jan. 12). Game time for both matches is 2:00.

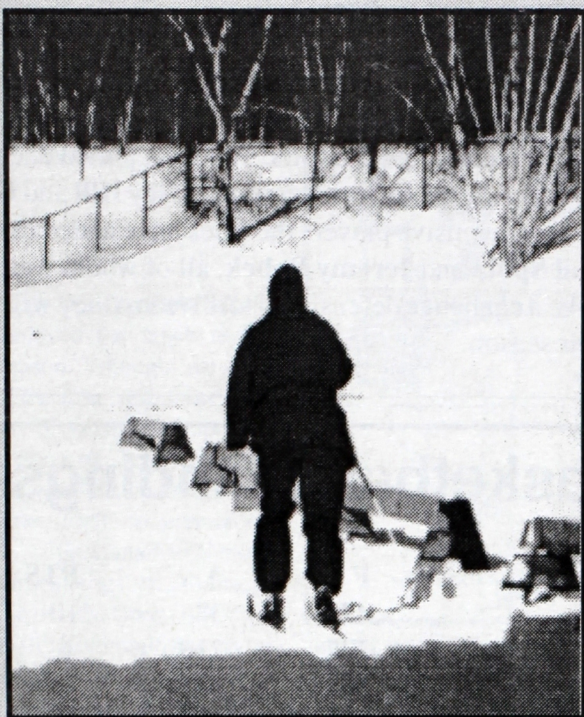
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Aux étudiantes et étudiants de la Laurentienne

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Nordic Vees Start the Season Strong



by Bronwen Davies
Staff Writer

While many of you were eating turkey and lazing around over our extended Christmas Holidays, the Vees Nordic Ski team was busy training and competing in early season races.

The Vees were represented by a few skiers in Timmins over the exam period. On Saturday, December 14, Bronwen Davies and Diane Carlsson competed in the women's 5 km classic technique race, placing 1st and 2nd respectively. Ben Stevenson and James Ans competed in the 5 km men's event and finished strongly. The freestyle relay on December 15th saw the women race another 5 km event and the men race 7.5 km.

The phrase for the nordic team this season is "small but mighty." Competing for the men this year is fourth year Geography veteran Tim Heale, a silver medal winner at last year's OUAA championships. The legendary James Ans, a fourth year Phys-Edder will also be representing the Vees. Ben Stevenson, a third year English major from Owen Sound, will have the competition shaking in their boots. The team will be rounded out with rookie Kristian Bischoff, a strong freestyle skier soon to learn the classic technique.

The women have five solid racers. Diane Carlsson, a Masters Biology student, will be competing for her 6th year with the Vees. Bronwen Davies, a fourth year Adventure Leadership student from Dartmouth N.S., will be competing for her final season, she hopes! Carol Cox, a fourth year veteran has been training hard and should scare off a few competitors. Laura Hubbard will be joining the team for her third Vee season. The team is also happy to field rookie Megan Cumming, a biathlete from Ottawa, if only she would put down the gun!

On January 4th, a small team competed in the Brent Wilson Memorial ski race at Windy Lake. Heale won the 15 km men's event with Ans in second place and Stevenson and Bischoff close behind. Davies placed first in the women's 15 km with Carlsson placing second.

Things are looking good for the team. They will be competing in their first OUAA/OWIAA qualifying race in Huntsville, January 11th and 12th.

Aqua Vees Training Camp

by Phillip Hadley
Contributor

The purpose of an athletic training camp is to provide an opportunity to have an intense period of consistent hard work in order to the individual and the team. Our Aqua Vees recently returned from such an opportunity where the physical and mental aspects of training were pushed to the limit and were built back stronger because of the added pressure. Our Vees camp took place from December 26 to January 5 in sunny Florida, the traditional Christmas training spot for swimming teams from all over North America.

The Christmas camp is the hardest and longest sustained training we will have in our season. Our daily mileage during the camp usually hovered around 14 000m, whereas at any other point is the season the mileage is usually around 7000m and rarely over 10000m. This type of intense, sustained physical endeavour challenges the body to adapt and grow stronger, thus producing an increase in speed, which is what racing is all about. The other challenging aspect of a swim camp is the large and sometimes overwhelm-

ing mental pressure one is put under. Again the idea is to break the swimmer down more than they ever have been before so that they may adapt and grow in confidence from meeting the challenge and surviving the experience.

Usually the first comment people make about our swim camps is not 'oh boy, that's a lot of hard work!' It's more like, 'Lucky you, going to sunny and sandy Florida.' Almost all teams go to Florida for three main reasons: the large number of facilities in which to swim, the warmth, and, most importantly, the fact that it's not home. The first two reasons are self-explanatory while the third is not. The question was posed to me by a military man why we don't save our money and train at home in Sudbury? The reasons are much the same as why military recruits stay at the barracks during boot camp rather than simply sleeping at home during their very intense training period - so they may bond as a team and single unit. Each member of our Aqua Vees went through many mental and physical hardships during their time away and each went through many laughs as well. We all shared these experiences as a unit, a team. We have been challenged as individuals and by relying on each other we have come out a much

stronger and more supportive team than when we left Sudbury. This can only be achieved by living, sleeping, eating and training together for a sustained period of time. No matter what challenges our coaches or our competition gives to us, we know we can handle it. We know we can rise up and overcome whatever surprises are handed to us. We are a team supporting each other during every lap of the pool.

The Vees are excited now to take on all-comers on their way to a grand finish at the conference championships in February. This weekend the team heads to Toronto to take on the York Yeomen and U. of T. Varsity Blues. The men's team has been on a winning streak this year and will strive to continue this streak against the CIAU number one ranked Blues. In case you did not notice during the bustle of exams, the CIAU rankings for swimming were released for the first time this year with our Vees taking the fifth spot. This ties their all time highest ranking. We are also the smallest school out of any of the top ten. We may be small, but we are damn tough, just like we proved during our week of training hell in Florida. (and not just because it was so hot)

Canadians Juniors Make It Five Straight

Canada struck gold at the World Junior Championships for a record fifth consecutive time in Geneva Switzerland last Saturday. Team Canada defeated the United States 2-0 in the one-game final for the gold medal, after Russia had secured the bronze by defeating Czechoslovakia earlier in the day.

Marc Denis, the game's MVP, stopped everything the Americans could throw at him in recording the shutout for Canada. Boyd Devereaux scored the first Canadian goal in the second period and Brad Isbister scored the insurance goal early in the third period.

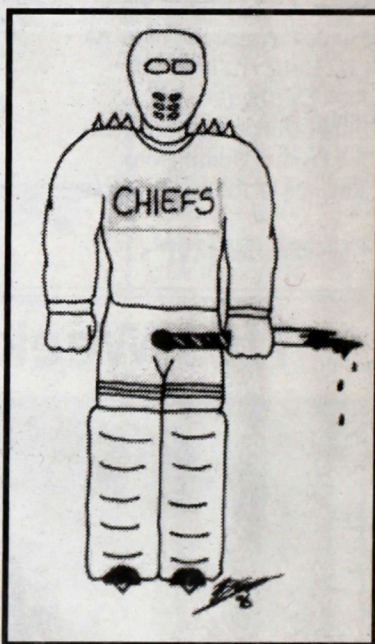
With the win, Canada extends its World Junior Championships record to an astonishing 27 games (24 wins and 3 ties), and breaks the record it shared with the former Soviet Union of four consecutive gold

medals.

In post-game interviews [with TSN] many of the Juniors expressed their particular satisfaction at defeating the United States for the gold medal, and hoped that the victory would redeem, to some measure, Canada's loss to the United States in the championship game of the inaugural World Cup of Hockey last September.

The junior gold-medal game was uncharted territory for the United States, who entered the tournament with two past bronze medals to their credit, including one from last year. This year, the United States dominated and won the Round-Robin action, their only blemish a 4-4 tie with Canada.

The strong performance at the World Juniors, coupled with their victory at the World Cup, has pro-

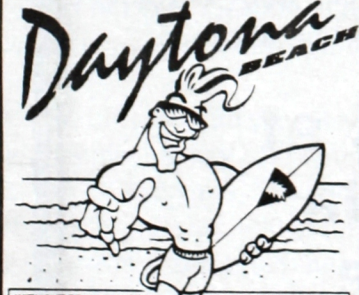


pelled the United States into the role of Canada's rival in hockey, a role formerly fulfilled (agonizingly well) by the Soviet Union.

The gold-medal game was played at a high tempo, from start to finish, with great chances at both ends of the ice, though the United States carried a slight edge in play. Eric Boucher was outstanding in the United States' net, and finished the tournament with the best goals-against-average amongst starting goaltenders.

Marc Denis stole the show though. He made several outstanding saves early which set the tone for the hockey game. With the play in his end, and the United States pressing for a late goal, Denis spent the last eight seconds of the hockey game flapping his arms in ecstasy, and still the puck could not find its way behind him. Denis is returning to Colorado to resume his role as Patrick Roy's understudy.

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